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Editorial.

A NURSING HEROINE.

THE illustrious list of adventurous travellers, to which England's sons have given more than their fair share of names, has recently been enriched by the addition of an Englishwoman and a trained Nurse — Miss KATE MARSDEN. Several of our contemporaries have described, in glowing terms, the great work in which this lady has been engaged. It is much to be regretted, however, that, in this country, little public notice has been taken of the matter compared with that which has been shown concerning it in Russia, or even in the United States, for the story is well worthy of the attention and the admiration of English men and women.

Miss Marsden, while at work during the Russo-Turkish war, became deeply interested in the question of the treatment of lepers, and in 1889, determined to devote her life to the care of those from whom most people shrink in horror. quiries showed her that in British possessions, such, for example, as South Africa, India, and Cyprus, lepers are carefully isolated for their own comfort, as well as for the public safety in order to check the spread of the disease; and within the last few years, indeed, very great advances have undoubtedly been made in this respect. Then, she heard most harrowing tales of the conditions under which lepers in Siberia are compelled to live, and straightway previous page next page